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Applicant : Kogasaka et al.

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For : Cavity retaining tool for bone surgery, a cavity retaining tool for general surgery, an endoscopic system involving the use of a cavity retaining tool, and a procedure for surgery

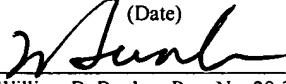
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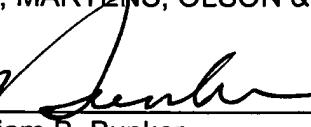
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